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Art Unit	3671
Examiner Name	KOVACS
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(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_b. ☒ Enclosedi. ☒ Amendment/Replyii. ☐ Affidavit(s) Declaration(s)iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)iv. ☒ Other Request for Ext. of Time**2. Miscellaneous**a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_**3. Fees**

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Filed: 09 July 2002                      (Atty. Ref. No. 15487-US)  
For: CUTTING IMPLEMENT HAVING ANTI-BLOWOUT LIP AND EXTENSION  
Moline, IL 61265  
30 June 2003

**Second Amendment**

The Honorable Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated 30 December 2002 and identified as Paper No. 9,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows: